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1. In the afternoon of 20 March 1952, trucks, [Redacted] 25X1
[Redacted] with artillery pieces were unloaded at the 25X1
railroad station Stendal-Ost (N 53/Y 85). An artillery battalion
of 12 x 122-mm guns, a field kitchen and [Redacted] vehicles entered
the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne, Stendal, at 8 p.m. on the same day. (1)

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2. Troop trains loaded at the railroad station Rathenow-Nord 25X1
included: a train with about 180 troops wearing red-bordered
black epaulets, and 40 trucks [Redacted] on 24 March;
and a train with 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets,
12 x 122-mm field howitzers, 6 x 45-mm AT guns and trucks [Redacted] 25X1
[Redacted] on 25 March. From 35 to 40 [Redacted] trucks 25X1
were unloaded in Rathenow on 28 March. (2)

3. At 2 a.m. on 27 March, the advance detail of the Unit Skoropa 25X1
including the repair shop departed from the former concentration
camp in Cranienburg (N 53/Z 67) to Zehdenick. (3)

4. At 10 a.m. on 30 March, a troop train of about 10 boxcars and of 25X1
about 25 flatcars was loaded at the Potsdam (N 53/Z 63) railroad
station with about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets
with artillery insignia, 12 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 2 field
kitchens, about 15 caterpillar tractors [Redacted]

[Redacted] and about 15 trucks [Redacted]

[Redacted] on the same day, another troop train of about 20
boxcars and 20 flatcars was loaded at the Wilopark railroad station
with about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with
artillery insignia, 3 x 122-mm field guns, about 10 caterpillar
tractors [Redacted] and about 20
trucks [Redacted]

[Redacted] (4)

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[redacted] Comments.

(1) The unloaded artillery unit belongs to the 207th Ptz Rifle Div and is believed to have subsequently moved to the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne, Stendal. No 122-mm guns have been observed there since the fall of 1950.

(2) The two troop trains on 24 and 25 March 1952 were loaded by components of the 6th Arty Div. [redacted]

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two troop trains of the 6th Arty Div carrying vehicles [redacted] were unloaded

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in Altengrabow on 26 March 1952. [redacted]

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A Colonel Skoropa (fnu) is listed and believed to be supply officer or commander of a component of the 25th Tank Div in Oranienburg. Regarding the presumed beginning of the re-occupation of the Lemlin troop training grounds, compare with the report [redacted] on 15 March 1952. [redacted]

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(4) The two troop trains on 30 March 1952 were loaded by components of the unidentified artillery division in Potsdam. The first train probably carried troops of the unidentified gun artillery brigade (138th?) and the second a unit of the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig.

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